

Montana GEAR UP Spring/Summer 2006 Supported Professional Development Opportunities

1/19/06

Opportunity	Date -Location	Sponsor	Interest/Topic	GEAR UP Support	For More Information
High Priority Schools Institute	Feb 14 Billings	OPI-Title I	By invite, schools marked for improvement, restructuring or corrective action	Sponsor a team of up to 3 from each GU school	http://www.opi.mt.gov/index.html gsmith@mt.gov
Title I Conference	Feb 15-16 Billings	OPI – Title I	Provide Title I schools with high quality ed programs for eligible students	Sponsor up to 3 from each GU school	http://www.opi.mt.gov/index.html gsmith@mt.gov
Montana University System Writing Assessment Training of Trainers	Feb 23-24 Helena (plus a commitment of 2 additional days)	Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education	Teachers experienced with the MUS Writing Assessment learn to train others to score writing assessments	Sponsor one participant from each GU school	Jan Clinard (406) 444.0652 jclinard@ocche.montana.edu
Montana University System Writing Assessment Scoring Sessions	Mar 27-28 Billings Mar 29-30 Miles City Apr 6-7 Missoula Apr 10-11 Bozeman Apr 18-19 Whitefish	Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education	Teachers spend one day learning to use a holistic scoring rubric and one day scoring writing assessments from high schools throughout Montana	Sponsor up to 3 participants from each GU school	Jan Clinard (406) 444-0652 jclinard@ocche.montana.edu
Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) Annual Conference	Mar 30-Apr 2 Billings	MIEA	"Creating Change, Eliminating Barriers, Building Successful Programs – 25 Years of Indian Education"	Sponsor up to 4 participants from each GU school	Stan Juneau scjuneau@3rivers.net (406) 338-5689
Montana After School Network	Apr 12-14 Helena	Montana Child Care Association	Strengthening After-School Programs in our Schools	Sponsor up to 2 participants from each GU school	Laurel Hanson lhanson@montanachildcare.com (406) 549-1186
Montana School Counselor Association (MSCA) Spring Institute	Apr 20-21 Bozeman	MSCA & GEAR UP	Montana School Counseling Model	Sponsor school counselor and administrator from each GU school	www.mtschoolcounselor.org
Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education (MT AGATE)	Apr 27-29 Polson	AGATE	"Catching Dreams" 26 th annual conference will assist school staff in challenging students and differentiating for academic rigor	Sponsor up to 2 participants from each GU school	Tamara Fisher tfisher@polson.k12.mt.us (406) 883-6335 ex: 328 Registration Form: www.mtagate.org
Pre-AP Training	May 1 Billings	OPI College Board	Strategies in English-Rhetoric	Sponsor up to 2 teachers from each GU school	Kathy Mollohan, OPI kathym@mt.gov (406) 444-4317
Pre-AP Training	May 5 Missoula	OPI College Board	Topics for AP Vertical Teams in English	Sponsor up to 2 teachers from each GU school	Kathy Mollohan, OPI kathym@mt.gov (406) 444-4317
Pre-AP Training	May 10-11 Bozeman	OPI College Board	Strategies in Mathematics- Helping Students Learn Mathematics through Problem Solving	Sponsor up to 2 teachers from each GU school	Kathy Mollohan, OPI kathym@mt.gov (406) 444-4317
Montana Association Supervision and Curriculum- (MASCD) Summer Institute	June 12-15 Helena	MASCD, OPI, & others	Mixes theory, classroom experience, research, learning strategies and hands-on activities	Sponsor up to 2 teachers from each GU school	Jan Thomson jannyt@bresnan.net http://montana.ascd.org
Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI)	June 12-16 MSU Bozeman	OPI, MT Board of Crime Control	Behavioral issues in classroom, school, & community. This workshop includes a quantum learning track option for teachers	Sponsor up to 6 participants from each GU school (lodging reimbursement for dorm rooms only)	www.montana.edu/cs/mbi/
Indian Education for All Institute	June 19-22 Missoula	Various	Strategies for helping ALL Montana students learn about our state's tribal heritage	Sponsor up to 2 participants from each GU school	Tammy Elser, Arlee School elsert@aol.com
National GEAR UP Conference	July 23-26 Washington DC	GEAR UP	Various topics including academic improvement, parental involvement, college readiness, etc	By application and selection, sponsor one participant from each category: liaison, administrator, counselor & teacher	www.edpartnerships.org Applications will be available March 1, 2006. Contact Linda Safty at lsafy@ocche.montana.edu or (406) 444-0848 for more information.
Pre-AP Training	July 13 Billings	OPI College Board	Growing an AP Program: A workshop for Administrators	Sponsor up to 2 Administrators from each GU school	Kathy Mollohan, OPI kathym@mt.gov (406) 444-4317
Mentor Institute	August 1-4 Missoula	OPI Special Ed	Focus will be on teacher to teacher mentor skills	Sponsor up to 2 teachers from each GU school	Nikki Sandve, OPI nsandve@mt.gov (406) 444-0299
Montana Reading Institute (MRI)	August 7-11 Bozeman	MRI OPI	Reading interventions and techniques	Sponsor up to 4 from each GU school	mbisi@bozeman.k12.mt.us www.montana.edu/cs/mri/

Montana GEAR UP-Supported Professional Development Guidelines

1. Follow your school policies for approval of professional development. School administrator approval is required before registering for GEAR UP-supported professional development opportunities. It is important to balance professional development participation with school responsibilities.
2. Complete the necessary registration forms specific to the professional development opportunity you wish to attend. You or your school district will pay for any initial costs and submit appropriate forms for reimbursement to Montana GEAR UP once the event is complete. Participants will also be asked to provide Montana GEAR UP with feedback on the value and quality of the professional development.
3. Attend the professional development opportunity. Keep receipts for registration fees, lodging, and substitute teachers.
4. Complete the professional development feedback form available at www.gearup.montana.edu and return it to Linda Safty, Montana GEAR UP School Grant Manager, either as an e-mail attachment to lsafety@oche.montana.edu or as a fax to (406) 444-0425.

All suggestions, questions or concerns regarding professional development may be directed to Linda Safty at (406) 444-0848.

5. Complete the travel reimbursement form available at www.gearup.montana.edu. Submit form with applicable receipts.